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# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT CHAPTER 311

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# PART I

# Preliminary

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Chemists and Druggists Act.

Interpretation. **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Board" means the Board of Examiners appointed under section 5 of this Act;

"Belize City" means all that part of Belize City contained within the prescribed line as laid down in any statutory instrument made under the Belize City Council Act, Cap. 85, and within a distance of five hundred yards beyond such line.

"chemist and druggist" means any person who sells or keeps open shop for retailing, dispensing or compounding drugs or poisons;

<sup>15</sup> of 2004. "Council for Human and Social Development" means the body of the Caribbean Community empowered by Article 35 of the Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community including the Caricom Single Market and Economy to establish common standard and measures for accreditation or mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of qualification of nationals of Caricom Member States;

"drug" includes medicine, compound medicine and medicinal preparation;

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"poison" means the articles named and described in the First Schedule and any other article or articles which the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declare to be included in the said Schedule,

Provided that no article so declared shall be deemed to be a poison until the expiration of one month from the date of such publication; the expiration of one month from the date of such application;

"recognised pharmaceutical school" means any pharmaceutical school which the Minister may, on the recommendation of the Board, decide to treat as such for the purposes of this Act;

"Register" means the "Chemists and Druggists Register" kept under section 12 of this Act;

#### PART II

#### Registration, etc., of Chemists and Druggists

**3.**–(1) No person shall be entitled to be registered under this Act as chemist and druggist unless he is of the age of eighteen years or upwards and gives proof to the satisfaction of the Board that he is a person of good character, and,

- (*a*) is entitled to be registered in Great Britain or Northern Ireland as a chemist and druggist or as a pharmaceutical chemist; or
- (b) is the lawful holder of a diploma or certificate from a pharmaceutical school for the time being recognised by,
  - (*i*) the Board; or
  - *(ii)* the Council for Human and Social Development, as furnishing sufficient guarantee of the possession of requisite knowledge and skill for conducting the business of chemist and druggist,

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Provided that the Board, with the approval of the Minister shall, in the month of January of each year, publish in the *Gazette*, a list of pharmaceutical schools for the time being recognised by the Board; or

- (c) was at the date of the coming into operation of this Act carrying on, in Belize, the business of a chemist and druggist; or
- (d) has been actually engaged and employed without interruption for a period of not less than three years as dispenser to a registered medical practitioner or as assistant to a chemist and druggist in Belize, or at any Public Hospital Dispensary, the last year of which being devoted to dispensing, and has obtained a certificate from the Board that he has successfully passed the examination provided for in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) On the coming into force of this Act, all persons engaged and employed under a registered medical practitioner or as assistant to a chemist and druggist or at any Public Hospital Dispensary, with a view to qualifying to sit for the examination in accordance with paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of this section shall, within one month of being engaged and employed, send written notification to the Director of Health Services specifying the date on which such engagement and employment commenced and any person failing to give such notification shall, except with the special approval of the Board, be ineligible to sit for any examination held by the Board.

15 of 2004. (3) The Board, with the approval of the Minister, shall in the month of January of each year, publish in the *Gazette* a list of pharmaceutical schools the time being recognised by the Board or the Council for Human and Social Development.

Certificates any one of the qualifications mentioned in section 3 (1) (a), (b) and (c) of this Act, shall be entitled to obtain from the Board a certificate in the form given in the Second Schedule.

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| 5(1) The Minister may appoint the Director of Health Service<br>more duly registered medical practitioners to be a Board of I<br>the purpose of examining persons desirous of being registered<br>and druggists under this Act and for carrying out other matter<br>in this Act.   | Examiners for<br>ed as chemists   | Board of Examiners.                                |   |
| (2) The Minister may from time to time vary the number of<br>of the Board and remove any member thereof other than the<br>Health Services and appoint any other duly registered medical<br>his place and fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership<br>and appoint any duly registered medical practitioner to act in the<br>member of the Board, other than the Director of Health Service | ne Director of<br>practitioner in<br>o of the Board,<br>ne place of any |  |   |
| 6. Any person desiring to be examined under this Act shal<br>Board through the Director of Health Services, and the Board<br>satisfied that such person has had a good general education<br>the qualifications required by section 3 (1) (d) of this Act and<br>prescribed fee, proceed to examine such person in such mann<br>time and place as it may think fit.                                 | shall on being<br>and possesses<br>d has paid the                       | Procedure by can-<br>didates for exami-<br>nation. |   |
| 7. Every examination held under this Act shall be such as su the candidate's knowledge of drugs and poisons, his ability t make up prescriptions and medicines, and his fitness to be entr sale of drugs and poisons.  | o prepare and   | Nature of exami-<br>nation.                        |   |
| <b>8.</b> The Board shall, on the application of any person who hat passed the examination mentioned in section 7 of this Act certificate in the form given in the Third Schedule.   |   | Certificate to be issued to successful candidate.  |   |
| <b>9.</b> Each candidate for examination under this Act shall, before such examination, pay into the Treasury a fee of twenty-five of  |   | Examination fee.                                   |   |
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# PART III

# Appointment, remuneration, Powers and Functions, etc., of the Board.

- Remuneration to members of Board. **10.** Out of the fees paid in respect of any examination under this Act there may be paid by way of remuneration to the members of the Board such sum as the Minister may direct.
- Registration. **11.** Every person who presents to the Registrar General a certificate from the Board in the form in the Second Schedule or Third Schedule and satisfies him that he is the person referred to in the certificate, shall, on production of the Accountant General's receipt for the prescribed fee, be entitled to be registered under this Act.
- Register of chemists and druggists. **12.** The Registrar General shall make and keep a "Chemists' and Druggists' Register" as nearly as may be in the form in the Fourth Schedule of all persons registered under this Act.
- Change of address to be notified. **13.** Any person whose name has been entered in the Register shall from time to time communicate to the Registrar General any change in his postal address.
- Removal of names from Register. **14.** The Registrar General may remove from the Register the name of,
  - (a) every person who fails to reply within two calendar months to any communication duly made to him relative to matters provided for in this Act;
  - (b) any person who has died;
  - (c) any person who has ceased to reside in Belize or is absent therefrom for a longer period than twelve months without communicating to the Registrar General his intention to return.
- Appeal. **15.** Any person whose name has been removed from the Register on account of prolonged absence from Belize or on account of not replying to any communication addressed to him by the Registrar General may appeal to

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the Board who may direct that the name of such person be restored to the Register, either without payment of a fee or on the payment of a fee not exceeding ten dollars, as the Board may think fit.

**16.** When any person proves to the satisfaction of the Board that his name has been wrongly erased from the Register, the Board may direct that the name be restored without the payment of any further fee.

**17.** Any person who falsely procures the entry of his name in the Register commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

**18.**–(1) Whenever any chemist and druggist registered under this Act,

- (a) is convicted of any felony or misdemeanour, or of any offence under this Act; or
- (b) is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister to be incompetent or addicted to habitual intemperance, the Minister may direct his name to be removed from the Register permanently or for such time as he thinks fit, and such removal shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(2) Any person whose name has been temporarily removed from the Register shall, on the expiration of the period for which such removal was to continue, be entitled on payment of the prescribed fee to have his name replaced on the Register.

**19.**–(1) The Registrar General shall, in the month of January in each year cause to be printed and published in the *Gazette* a correct copy of the Register on 31st December preceding, and in such Register the names shall be in alphabetical order according to the surnames and it shall be in the form in the Fourth Schedule .

(2) A copy of the *Gazette* containing such Register shall be evidence in all courts of law that the persons therein specified are registered under this Act, and the absence of the name of any person from such Register shall be sufficient evidence that such person is not registered under this Act unless the contrary is shown.

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- Effect of registration. **20.** Registration under this Act shall not entitle any person to practice medicine or surgery or any branch of medicine or surgery or to hold himself out as such.
- Registration fee. **21.**-(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, there shall be paid into the Treasury a fee of ten dollars in respect of the registration of every person under this Act.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section, shall not apply to any person applying for registration in respect of the qualification required by section 3 (1) (*c*) of this Act.

#### PART IV

#### Duties, Liabilities etc., of Chemists and Druggists.

Sale of drugs and 22.-(1) Subject to this Act, no person shall, poisons.

- (a) keep open any shop for selling, retailing, dispensing or compounding any drugs, poisons or patent or proprietary medicines; or
- (b) sell, retail, dispense or compound any drugs, poisons or patent or proprietary medicine in any shop,

unless that shop is under the immediate personal control, management and supervision of a registered chemist and druggist employed therein for the purpose, and the drug, poison, patent or proprietary medicine is sold, retailed, dispensed or compounded by or under the direct charge and supervision of that duly registered chemist and druggist.

(2) No registered chemist and druggist who is employed in the control, management and supervision of any one shop shall be capable of being so employed in any other shop, and any such employment in any shop whilst he holds such employment shall be invalid in all respects whatever.

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(3) The registered person by or under whose supervision any drug or poison is dispensed or compounded shall write on a label on the bottle or other package containing the drug or poison his name or initials, and any label attached to any such bottle or package, and having the name or initials of any registered person written thereon, shall be sufficient evidence in any case that such drug or poison was dispensed or compounded by him or under his supervision, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) The person by or in whose name any such open shop as aforesaid is kept shall see that subsection (3) of this section, is complied with in respect of all drugs or poisons sent from his shop.

**23.**–(1) No person shall sell any poison to any person under twelve years of age except on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner.

(2) No person shall sell or supply to any person any of the following poisons listed in the First Schedule, except on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner, registered dentist or Government veterinary surgeon,

Sulphanimide, Prontosil, Prontosil Alba, Sulphapyridine, M & B 693, Dagenan and its compounds, Sulphathiazole, phthalylsulphathiazole, sulphadiazine, sulphamerazine, sulphamethazine, sulphaguanidine and any compound or preparations of the sulphanamide group of drugs,

Provided that an importer of poisons may sell or transfer any of the above-mentioned poisons to any of the following persons,

- (a) a medical practitioner registered in Belize;
- (b) a dentist registered in Belize;
- (c) a chemist or druggist registered under this Act;
- (d) a Government veterinary surgeon;
- (e) a Government institution.

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(3) Any person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and term of imprisonment.

Regulations for keeping, etc., of poisons.

<sup>ns</sup> for etc., of **24.**–(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or keep open a shop for retailing, dispensing or compounding, poisons unless he conforms to the following provisions or to any regulations, providing,

- (*a*) that in the keeping of poisons, each bottle, vessel, box or package, containing a poison be labeled with the name of the article, and also with some distinctive mark indicating that it contains poison;
- (b) that in the keeping of poisons, each poison be kept in a bottle, vessel, box or package in a cupboard set apart for dangerous articles, the cupboard to be kept locked;
- (c) that in the dispensing and selling of poisons, all liniments, embrocations, lotions and liquid disinfectants containing poison be sent out in blue bottles rendered distinguishable by touch from ordinary medicine bottles, and that there also be affixed to every bottle, vessel, box or package, in which poison is delivered, sold or dispensed, in addition to the name of the article, and to any particular instructions for its use, a label giving notice that the contents of the bottle are not to be taken internally.

(2) Any person who contravenes this section or any regulations made thereunder commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Restrictions as to sale of poisons generally. **25.**–(1) No person shall,

(a) sell any poison either by wholesale or retail unless the box, bottle, vessel, wrapper or cover in which such

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poison is contained is distinctly labeled with the name of the article and the word "poison", and with the name and address of the seller of the poison;

(b) sell any poison named in the first column, except subject to the exemptions enumerated in the second column of the First Schedule or hereafter added thereto by the Minister under section 2 of this Act to any person unknown to the seller unless introduced by some person known to the seller.

(2) On every sale of any article mentioned in subsection (1) of this Act, the seller shall, before delivery, make or cause to be made an entry in a book to be kept for that purpose in accordance with the form of the Fifth Schedule stating the date of sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the article sold and the purpose for which it is stated by the purchaser to be required, to which entry the signature of the seller and of the purchaser and of the introducer, if any, shall be affixed, unless such purchaser or introducer professes to be unable to write, in which case the person making the entries hereby required shall add to the particulars to be entered in relation to such sale the words "cannot write".

(3) The poison book shall be kept for at least two years after the date of the last entry therein.

(4) Any person who sells poison otherwise than in accordance with this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offence and to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for the second or any subsequent offence.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the person on whose behalf any sale is made by any apprentice or servant shall be deemed to be the seller.

(6) This section shall not apply to articles to be exported from Belize by wholesale dealers, or to sales by wholesale to retail dealers in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing, or to any article when forming part of the ingredients of any medicine dispensed by or under the supervision of a person registered under this Act,

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# Provided that.

- (a)such medicine is labeled in the manner aforesaid with the name and address of the seller, and the ingredients thereof be entered with the name of the person to or for whom it is sold or delivered in a book to be kept by the seller for that purpose;
- (b) if such medicine is for external application, it shall also be distinctly labeled with the words, "Poison for external use only".

**26.**-(1)No person shall leave his shop or store, or that part thereof that may be kept for the sale and dispensing of drugs and poisons, open during his absence without leaving a registered chemist and druggist in charge thereof and actually in attendance therein, unless before leaving he puts away and properly secures articles which under this Act cannot be sold except by a registered person.

(2) Any person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

(3) In any prosecution under this section, the particulars set forth on any label affixed to a container purporting to indicate the contents of such container shall be sufficient evidence of the contents of such container. unless the contrary is shown.

Penalty for falsely 27. Any person who introduces a purchaser under section 25 of this Act, without *bona fide* knowing the name and place of abode of the person so introduced commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

**28.** Every book kept in accordance with section 25 shall be open to the inspection of any superior officer or non-commissioned officer of police, and every person refusing to allow any such book in his possession to be so inspected commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

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**29.**-(1) No poison shall be sold, dispensed or delivered by the assistant, apprentice or shop man of any chemist and druggist unless that assistant, apprentice or shop man is registered under this Act or sells, dispenses or delivers such poison under the supervision of some person registered under this Act.

(2) Any assistant, apprentice or shop man who contravenes this section, and any chemist and druggist who permits or allows such assistant, apprentice or shop man to contravene this section, is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

**30.**-(1) Any person or firm carrying on the business of a chemist and druggist shall have over the principal entrance of such shop painted in legible characters at least one inch in length, the name of such chemist and druggist or firm and the words,

"Licensed to sell drugs and poisons".

(2) Any person offending against this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

**31.**–(1) Nothing in this Act shall extend to,

(a) the sale or supply of medicines or poisons by any duly registered medical practitioner to his patient,

Provided that such drugs or poisons are dispensed or sold by him or some person under his supervision;

- (b) the sale of any drug not being a poison by wholesale to retail dealers other than chemists and druggists in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing;
- (c) the sale of any drug or poison to any person registered under this Act or to any duly qualified medical practitioner;

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- (d) the sale by any person of the following articles,
  - *(i)* controlled drugs under and in accordance with the Misuse of Drugs Act, Cap. 103, or any statutory modification or replacement of the same;
  - *(ii)* mineral or artificial waters or the salts or other material employed in their preparation;
  - *(iii)* medicinal substances in common use mentioned in the Sixth Schedule, or any other substance which the Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette* declare to be added to the said Schedule;
  - *(iv)* any herb, vegetable, gum, oil or seed, not being a poison, in its natural state, or not specially prepared so as to be fitted for medicinal use only, though the same may be used in medicine;
  - (*v*) articles, not being poisons, which are to be used for flavouring foods or drinks or for perfumery, painting, tanning, dyeing, soap making or any other industrial art or manufacture.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Minister may, whenever satisfied that it is for the convenience of the public in any area to do so, by Order published in the *Gazette*, authorise the sale in that area of any poisons used for sanitary, industrial, agricultural or veterinary purposes specified in the Seventh Schedule so long as the poisons are confined to the substances enumerated in the second column of the said Schedule, or such drugs and patent or proprietary medicines as may be specified in such Order by persons not duly licensed under this Act, and may by any subsequent Order similarly made, revoke or vary any such authority.

(3) The drugs or medicines that may be sold in any area, the boundaries of any area and the names of the persons authorised to sell, shall be published in the *Gazette*.

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(4) The Minister may, by a like Order, make rules regulating the sale of poisons, drugs and medicines under subsection (3) of this section and may by any subsequent Order similarly made, revoke or amend any such rule.

(5) Every person who contravenes any rules made under this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

**32.**–(1) Any person who, not being registered under this Act, holds himself out as, or pretends to be licensed under this Act, or uses or takes the name or title of chemist and druggist, or of dispensing chemist or druggist, or any name, title or addition implying such qualification, or that he is by registered a person duly licensed under this Act, commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a body corporate, a firm or partnership, may carry on the business of a chemist or druggist or of dispensing chemist or druggist, and may use the description of chemist and druggist or of chemist or druggist, or dispensing chemist or druggist if,

- (a) the requirements of section 22 of this Act, are complied with in relation to such business; and
- (b) in the premises where such business is carried on, the name of the person duly registered under this Act is conspicuously exhibited in the shop or place in which such business is carried on.

**33.** Every chemist and druggist who receives a prescription in which the maximum dose of any poisonous drug as laid down in the British Pharmacopoeia has been exceeded shall not dispense it unless such dose is specially initialed by the prescriber, but shall without delay refer the prescription to him to be initialed if correct, before proceeding to dispense it.

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#### Miscellaneous

Proof of addi-**34.** Any copy of the Gazette containing what purports to be a declaration tion of articles in of the Minister that any article is a poison, or any article is a medicinal Schedules. substance in common use, shall be sufficient evidence that such article has been duly added to the First Schedule or the Sixth Schedule, as the case may be. General fine. **35.** Any person who infringes any of the provisions of this Act or of any regulations, rules or Orders, made thereunder for the breach of which no penalty is hereinbefore provided shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Penalty for sale of **36.**-(1) No person having or keeping open shop for the sale of drugs or drugs and medimedicines shall sell or offer for sale any drug or medicine unfit for use. cine unfit for use. (2) Any person offending against this section is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, in addition to and irrespective of any fine to which he may be liable in case he is not registered under this Act. **37.** It shall be lawful for the magistrate by whom any person is convicted Seizure and destruction of unfit under section 36 of this Act, to order the seizure and destruction of the medicines. whole of the unfit drugs or medicines in the possession of such person, in respect of the selling or offering for sale of which or part of which such person has been convicted. **38.** Any person authorised in writing by the Minister or any magistrate Inspection and search of shop or or any member of the Board may at all reasonable times enter the shop or store of registered store of any person registered under or employing as provided by section person. 40 of 1963. 22 of this Act, a person registered under this Act and inspect and search it, and survey, prove and determine whether the drugs and medicines therein are or are not unfit for use as such and may take samples for further examination or analysis of any drugs or medicines that he may see reason to believe are not fit for use, paying a fair price for the same.

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**39.** The sale of any patent or proprietary medicine may be at any time prohibited by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette* that the sale of such article is fraught with danger to the public.

**40.** All penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered on summary conviction.

**41.**–(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Minister may, if he thinks proper, authorise by writing under the hand of the Permanent Secretary any person named in such authority, to sell such drugs and poisons for such period, within such areas, and subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions in all respects as the Minister may prescribe and may be specified in such written authority.

(2) The Minister may at any time by notice under the hand of the Permanent Secretary, cancel such authority.

**42.**–(1) This Act shall apply to, and have effect in Belize City, City of Belmopan, Corozal Town, Orange Walk Town, San Ignacio, Benque Viejo del Carmen, Dangriga, Punta Gorda and Monkey River Village, and to and in any other place or area to which the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, direct that this Act or any part thereof shall apply and have effect.

(2) With respect to parts of Belize lying outside the aforesaid towns, places and areas, sections 25, 27 and 28 of this Act, only shall apply and have effect.

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# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT Poisons List and Exemptions [Sections 2, 23 (1), 25 (1) (b) and 34]

| Poisons List  | Exempted in<br>( <i>see also Note at end</i> of the<br>Seventh Schedule)        |
|---|---|
| Acetanilide; alkyl acetanilides   Alkali fluorides other than those specified in   Part II of this List   Alkaloids, the following; their salts, simple or   complex:-   Acetyldihydrocodeinone; its esters   Aconite, alkaloids of   Apomorphine   Atropine   Belladonna, alkaloids of   Benzoylmorphine   Brucine   Calabar bean, alkaloids of   Cocaine   Codeine   Colchicine   Contine   Contine | Substances not being<br>preparations for the<br>treatment of human<br>ailments. |
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| Poisons List  | Exempted in<br>( <i>see also Note at end</i> of the<br>Seventh Schedule)   |
|---|--|
| Curarine<br>Diacetylmorphine<br>Dihydrocodeinone; its esters<br>Dihydrohydroxycodeinone; its esters<br>Dihydromorphine; its esters<br>Dihydromorphinone; its esters<br>Ecgonine; its esters |  |
| Emetine   | Ipecacuanha; extracts and tinctures of ipecacuanha; substances containing less than 0.05 percent of emetine.   |
| Ephedra, alkaloids of<br>Ergot, alkaloids of<br>Ethylmorphine<br>Gelsemium, alkaloids of<br>Homatropine<br>Hyoscine<br>Hyoscyamine  | Substances containing less than one percent of the alkaloids of ephedra.   |
| Jaborandi, alkaloids of   | Substances containing less than 0.025 percent of the alkaloids of jaborandi.   |
| Lobelia , alkaloids of  | Preparations for the relief of asthma<br>in the form of cigarettes, smoking<br>mixtures or fumigants; substances<br>containing less than 0.1 percent of the<br>alkaloids of lobelia. |
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| Poisons List   | Exempted in<br>(see also Note at end of the<br>Seventh Schedule)  |
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| Morphine<br>Papaverine<br>Pomegranate, alkaloids of<br>Quebracho, alkaloids of, other than the<br>alkaloids of red quebracho<br>Sabadilla, alkaloids of<br>Solanaceous alkaloids not otherwise<br>included in this List  | Pomegranate bark  |
| Stavesacre, alkaloids of   | Stramonium contained in<br>preparations for the relief of<br>asthma in the form of<br>cigarettes, smoking mixtures<br>or fumigants, soaps;<br>ointments; lotions for<br>external use. |
| Strychnine<br>Thebaine<br>Veratrum, alkaloids of<br>Yohimba, alkaloids of<br>Allylisopropylacetylurea<br>Amidopyrine; its salts<br>Amino-alcohols, esterified with benzoic acid,<br>phenylacetic acid, phenylpropionic acid,<br>cinnamic acid or the derivatives of these acids<br>Amyl nitrite<br>Antimony,chlorides of; oxides of antimony;<br>sulphides of antimony; antimonates<br>antimonites; organic compounds<br>of antimony |   |
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| Poisons List  | Exempted in<br>(see also Note at end of the<br>Seventh Schedule)                                    |
|---|---|
| Arsenical substances, the following,<br>except those specified in the Seventh<br>Schedule: arsenic, halides of; oxides of<br>arsenic; arsenates; arsenites; organic<br>compounds of arsenic<br>Barbituric acid; its salts; derivatives of<br>barbituric acid; their salts; compounds of<br>barbituric acid; their salts; compounds of<br>barbituric acid, its salts, its derivatives;<br>their salts, with any other substance<br>Barium, salts of, other than barium sulphate<br>and the salts of barium specified in the<br>Seventh Schedule<br>Butyl chloral hydrate<br>Cannabis (the dried flowering or fruiting tops<br>of <i>Cannabis sativa</i> Linn.); the resin of<br>cannabis; extracts of cannabic; tinctures of<br>cannabis; cannabin tannate<br>Cantharidin; cantharidates<br>Chloral formamide<br>Chloral hydrate | Pyrites ores or sulphuric<br>acid containing arsenical<br>poisons as natural impurities.            |
| Creosote obtained from wood   | chloroform.<br>Substances containing less<br>than fifty per cent<br>creosote obtained from<br>wood. |
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| Croton, oil of<br>Digitalis, glycosides of; other active<br>principles of digitalis<br>Dinitrocresols; dinitronaphthols;<br>dinitrophenols; dinitrothymols   | Dinitrophenols in<br>substances not being<br>preparations for the<br>treatment of human<br>ailment. |
| Elaterin<br>Egot (the sclerothia of any species of<br><i>Claviceps</i> ); extracts of ergot; tinctures<br>of ergot<br>Erythrityl tetranitrate<br>Glyceryl trinitrate<br>Guanidines, the following:- polymethylene<br>diguanidines, diparaanisylphenetyl guanidine<br>Hydrocyanic acid; cyanides; double cyanides<br>of mercury and zinc<br>Insulin |   |
| Lead acetates; compounds of lead with acids from mixed oils  | Substances containing less<br>than four percent of lead<br>acetate. Machine-spread<br>plasters.     |
| Lye<br>Mannityl hexanitrate<br>Mercury, oxides of;<br>nitrates of mercury;<br>Mercury,oxides of;<br>mercuric ammonium chlorides;   | Ointments containing<br>less than the equivalent  |
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| ns List Exempted in<br>( <i>see also Note at end</i> of the<br>Seventh Schedule)  |
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| iomercuric iodides; mercuric<br>anides; mercuric thiocyanate<br>itrophenol; orthonitrophenol;<br>trophenol<br>omica<br>n<br>caine; its salts<br>in<br>a acid; metallic oxalates other than<br>ium quadroxalate<br>nchonimic acid, derivatives of; their<br>heir esters<br>mino-benzoic acid; esters of; their   |
| tidylphenacetin<br>ls (any member of the series of<br>ls of which the first member is phenol<br>f which the molecular composition<br>from member to member by one<br>of carbon and two atoms<br>lrogen) except<br>nces containing less than sixty<br>t, of phenols, weight in weight,<br>enols; compunds of phenol with a<br>except in substances containing less |
| enols; compunds of phenol with a capsu  |

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| Poisons List   | Exempted in<br>( <i>see also Note at end</i> of the<br>Seventh Schedule)                                   |
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|  | solid substances<br>containing less than sixty<br>percent of phenol;<br>tertiary butyl-cresol;<br>thermal. |
| Phenylcinchoninic acid; salicylcinchononinic<br>acid; their salts; their esters<br>Phenylethylhydantoin; its salts; its acyl<br>derivatives; their salts<br>Phosphorus, yellow<br>Picric acid<br>Picrotoxin<br>Pituitary gland, the active principles of Savin<br>oil of<br>Sulphanimide, Prontosil, Prontosil Alba<br>Strophanthus; glycosides of strophanthus<br>Sulphonal; alkyl sulphonals<br>Sulphapyradine, M & B 693, Dagenan and<br>its compound<br>Suprarenal gland the active principles of,<br>their salts<br>Thallium, salts of<br>Thyroid gland, the active principles of;<br>their salts<br>Tribromethyl alcohol | Substances containing less<br>than five per cent of picric<br>acid.  |
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# SECOND SCHEDULE

#### CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT Certificate of Qualification [Sections 4 and 11]

BELIZE.

The Board of Examiners of Chemists and Druggists in Belize hereby certifies that of

is possessed of the qualification required

by section 4 subsection (1) of Chemists and Druggist Act, Cap.311.

(here fill in (a), (b) or (c) as the case may be) of the Chemists and Druggists Act, Cap. 311 and is duly qualified to be registered as a Chemist and Druggist under the said Act.

GIVEN at Belize City this

day

of, 20

Director of Health Services and Member of the Board of Examiners.

Member of the Board of Examiners.

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# THIRD SCHEDULE

# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT Certificate of Registration [Sections 8 and 11]

# BELIZE.

The Board of Examiners of Chemists and Druggists in Belize hereby certifies

that

of has been duly examined and is duly qualified to be registered as a Chemist and Druggist under the Chemists and Druggists Act, Cap. 311.

GIVEN at Belize City this day of 20

Director of Health Services and Member of the Board of Examiners. Member of the Board of Examiners. Member of the Board of Examiners.

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# FOURTH SCHEDULE

# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT

Register of Chemists and Druggists [Section 12 and 19 (1)]

| Name | Residence | Qualification | Date of Registration | Remarks |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|---------|
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# FIFTH SCHEDULE

# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT Register of Sale of Restricted Poisons [Section 25(2)]

| Date of<br>Sale | Name and<br>address of<br>Purchaser | Name and<br>quantity of<br>article sold | Signature<br>of<br>Purchaser        |  | Signature<br>of Seller |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|                 |                                     |   | write, the<br>seller to<br>put here | If person<br>introducing<br>purchaser<br>cannot<br>write, seller<br>to put here<br>the words<br>"cannot<br>write." |                        |

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# SIXTH SCHEDULE

# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT Declaration of Poisons or Medical Substances in common use. [Section 34]

Asafetida.

Camphor.

Castor Oil.

Rhubarb.

Quinine.

Magnesium Carbonate.

Tincture of Lavender.

Bicarbonate of Soda.

Sodium Carbonate.

Potassium Tartras Acidus (Cream of Tartar).

Epsom Salts.

Glauber'sSalts.

Senna.

Sal Volatile (Spirits Ammonia Aromaticus).

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# SEVENTH SCHEDULE

# CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ACT

Sale of Sanitary etc., Poisons

[Section 31 (2)]

|  | Sale prohibited except when the poison specified is contained in the under mentioned substances  |
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| Arsenical substances, the following:<br>Arsenic sulphides<br>Arsenious oxide<br>Calcium arsenates<br>Calcium arsenites<br>Copper acetoarsenites<br>Copper arsenates<br>Copper arsenates<br>Potassium arsenites<br>Sodium arsenates<br>Sodium arsenates<br>Sodium thioarsenates | Pyrites ores or sulphuric acid containing arsenical<br>poisons as natural impurities.<br>Sheep dips and sheep washes.<br>Agricultural and horticultural insecticides or fungicide.<br>Agricultural and horticultural insecticides or fungacide.<br>Agricultural and horticultural insecticides or fungacide.<br>Sheep deeps and sheep washes.<br>Sheep dips and sheep washes.<br>Sheep dips and sheep washes.<br>Sheep dips and sheep washes. |
| Barium, salts of, the following:<br>Barium carbonate   | Preparations for the destruction of rats and mice.   |
| Barium silicoflouride<br>Hydrocyanic acid and its<br>preparations including Cyanogas and<br>Cymac used in Sanitary and<br>Agricultural work<br>Lye   | For industrial purposes only.<br>Batteries; dressings on seeds or bulbs, insecticides,<br>agricultural and horticultural fungicides.<br>Batteries; dressings on seeds or bulbs, insecticides,<br>Agricultural and horticultural fungicides.<br>Batteries, dressings on seeds or bulbs, insecticides,<br>agricultural and horticultural fungicide.  |
| Nicotine; its salts<br>Potassium quadroxalate<br>Sodium hydroxide<br>Ammonia   | Tobaco, insecticide<br>Substances containing less than twelve percent<br>of sodium hydroxide.<br>Substances not being solutions of ammonia   |

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|  | ammonia; substances containing less than  |
|  | five per cent weight in weight, of ammoni   |
|  | (NH3); refrigerators; smelling bottles.   |
|  | "Household ammonia" for cleaning.   |
| Carbon bisulphide  | Substances containing less than five per cent   |
| Carbon bisaipinde  | weight in weight, of formaldehyde   |
|  |   |
|  | (H.CH.O); photographic glazing or   |
|  | hardening solutions.  |
| Formaldehyde   | Substances containing less than nine per cent   |
| TT 1 11 ' '1   | weight in weight, of hydrochloric acid (HC1).   |
| Hydrochloric acid  | Calatan and ining last they there are sent  |
| Hydrofluoric acid;   | Substances containing less than three per cent  |
|  | of sodium.  |
| potassium fluoride;  | Fluoride as preservative  |
| sodium fluoride;   | Selected as a statistical base there there are sent   |
| sodium silicofluoride  | Substance containing less than three per cent   |
| NTICULE 14   | of sodium Silcofluoride as a preservative.  |
| Nitric acid  | Substancescontaining less than nine per cent  |
| Nitrohonzono   | weight in weight, of nitric(HNO <sub>3</sub> )  |
| Nitrobenzene   | Substances containing less than 0.1 per cent of   |
|  | nitrobenzene; soaps containing less than one  |
| Dania Croon Dlant duct   | per cent of nitrobenzene  |
| Paris Green – Plant dust   | Agricultural and horticultural insecticides substances for treatment of bee diseases                      |
| Phenols as defined in First Schedule in                                      |   |
|  | Carvarol;   |
| substances containing less than sixty  | coal tar; crude or refine;  |
| percent weight in weight, of phenols;<br>compounds of phenol with a metal in | creosole obtained from coal tar;  |
|  | essential oils in which phenols occur naturally;  |
| Substances containing less than the equivalent of sixty percent weight in    | medicines containing less than one per cent of phenols;<br>nasal sprays; mouthwashes; pastilled; lozenges |
| weight, of phenols   | capsules;   |
| weight, of phenois   | passaries; ointments or suppositories containing less   |
|  | than 2.5 percent of phenols;  |
|  | smelling bottles;   |
|  | soaps for washing;  |
|  | solid substances containing less than sixty percent   |
|  | of phenols;   |
|  | tertiary butyl-cresol;  |
|  | thymol;   |
|  | "Carbolic" disinfectant,; sanitary fluids; sheep.   |
|  | Tobacco, Insecticide.   |
| Phenylene diamines;  | Substances other than preparations for  |
| toluene diamines;  | the dyeing of hair.   |
| their saltsulphuric acid   | Substances containing less than nine per cent,  |
| surverprinte available   | weight in weight, of sulphuric acid $(H_2SO_4)$ ;   |
|  | accumulators;   |
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|  | battries; fire extinguishers.   |

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*Note.- In addition to the articles described in the second column, the following articles are exempted from the provisions of this Act.* 

# GENERAL EXEMPTIONS

Adhesives; anti-fouling compositions; builders' materials; ceramics; distempers; electrical valves; enamels; explosives; fillers; fireworks; glazes; glue; lacquer solvents; loading materials; marking inks; matches; motor fuels and lubricants; paints other than pharmaceutical paints; photographic paper; pigments; plastics; polishes; printers' inks; propellants; rubber; varnishes.

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